



Dear 2nd Graders and Families,

Welcome to the Second Grade! My name is Ashley Johnson. I am the 2nd grade teacher at Florence School. This is my 9th year of teaching in Florence. I received my job in Florence after graduating from Mount Marty College. My husband, Ben, and I have 3 daughters, Jocelyn (6 and in 1st grade at Florence), Katelyn (3) and Gracelyn (3 mo.). Ben is an Engineer at Miller Electric in Watertown. We live southwest of Florence.

I would like to tell you about a few things you can anticipate seeing this school year. I use Boys and Girls Town for my discipline program. Each student will have a point sheet that they will use to record points they earn throughout the day that will go into their own personal account. They will then get to use these points throughout the year to buy rewards during our store time.

All of the students' spelling lists will be at www.spellingcity.com. If you have access to the internet, you will be able to play games using your spelling words and even take spelling tests to practice your words during the week or on the weekends. We will also be using IXL this school year. Students will use it during the day and will be able to use it at home for extra math practice. Also during computers, students will be starting to learn the keyboard.

With this letter you will find a school supply list. I would like to tell you about a few of the things on the list. When purchasing pencils – please consider buying the “Ticonderoga” pencils. They sharpen easily and seem to last longer without breaking. I know they are more expensive – so understand if you decide to pass on these. I do have a lot of issues with off brand and “cheap” pencils breaking too. When buying a pencil pouch – I ask you buy the type that fit into a 3-ring binder. That type fits into our desks much better. Lastly, please make sure all supplies are labeled with your child's name or initials. It makes it easier if things get mixed up.

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. I also hope you all are taking the time each day to read. This is so important to keep doing over the summer. We don't want to have to try to catch back up the first half of the year. Just like in 1st grade, 2nd graders are expected to read every night at home. This will help them become better readers through out the school year.

If you have any questions about this coming school year, feel free to call (605-520-0229) or email (ashley.johnson@k12.sd.us) me.

I am excited to be with all of you this fall. We are going to have a great time getting to know one another as we learn in our classroom. I hope you all have a great summer, and I hope to see you all at open house!

Your teacher,
Mrs. Ashley Johnson